

## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

### Virginia

Long-distance trips account for a significant amount of travel and include a large share of American households. This travel has economic, social and environmental consequences.

- During 1995, about 82 percent of the households in Virginia took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. Virginia households travel more than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in Virginia took 28.6 million person-trips, an average of 4.8 trips and 3,663 miles per traveler. Visitors to Virginia took 23.3 million person-trips, an average of 4.2 trips and 2,712 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to Virginia has grown 8 percent since 1977, and the number of miles per visitor has grown 30 percent. On average in the United States, the number of trips per traveler has grown 20 percent and the number of miles has increased 39 percent since 1977.
- People who live in Virginia take 4.3 car trips per traveler compared with 2.2 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are by air (4,618 miles) than by car (2,261 miles).
- Travelers from Virginia who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 3.3 trips per traveler compared with 5.3 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in Virginia are North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Florida. North Carolina, Maryland and Pennsylvania are the most popular origin states for travelers to Virginia.

**Table 1. Travel Characteristics for Virginia and the United States: 1977 and 1995**






	Virginia			United States		
	1977	1995	Percent change	1977	1995	Percent change
<b>People who live in area</b>						
Percent traveling households	73	82	12.1	72	80	10.8
Trips per household	4.8	6.0	25.0	4.1	5.5	34.1
Trips per traveling household	6.6	7.3	10.6	5.7	6.9	21.1
Trips per capita	2.6	4.3	65.4	2.4	4.0	66.7
Trips per traveler	NA	4.8	NA	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	NA	3,663	NA	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	NA	766	NA	709	827	16.6
<b>People who visit area</b>						
Trips per traveler	3.9	4.2	7.7	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	2,088	2,712	29.9	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	529	649	22.7	709	827	16.6

**Note:** Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error; 1995 data are preliminary.

**Source:** U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1977 National Travel Survey, TC77-N-2.



## Legend

	Destination of Travel
	More than 20.00
	10.01–20.00
	1.00–10.00
	Less than 1.00

NOTE: Values are expressed as a percentage of interstate trips.

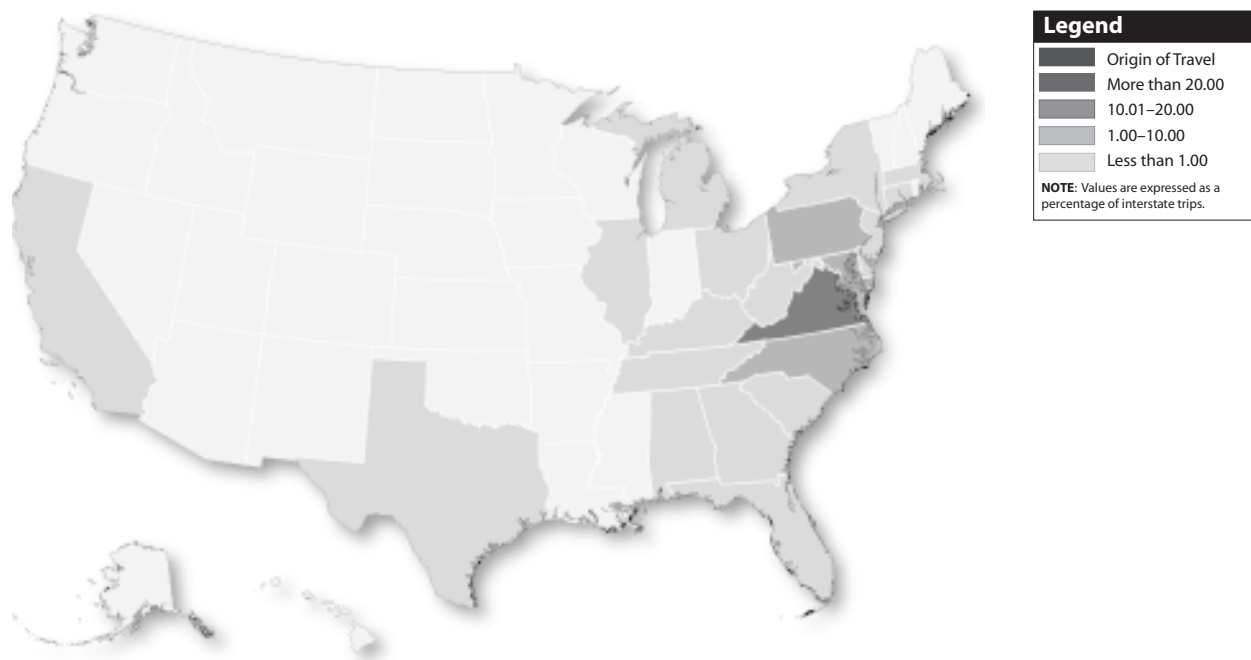


**Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit Virginia (In thousands)**

TRIPS WITHIN VIRGINIA		9,012	
Alabama	166	Missouri	53
Alaska	5	Montana	6
Arizona	35	Nebraska	21
Arkansas	30	Nevada	6
California	187	New Hampshire	52
Colorado	36	New Jersey	683
Connecticut	181	New Mexico	12
Delaware	365	New York	1,321
District of Columbia	262	North Carolina	2,655
Florida	265	North Dakota	2
Georgia	435	Ohio	463
Hawaii	10	Oklahoma	75
Idaho	4	Oregon	5
Illinois	191	Pennsylvania	1,610
Indiana	108	Rhode Island	55
Iowa	70	South Carolina	336
Kansas	29	South Dakota	5
Kentucky	207	Tennessee	384
Louisiana	97	Texas	193
Maine	58	Utah	13
Maryland	2,269	Vermont	45
Massachusetts	302	Washington	32
Michigan	173	West Virginia	573
Minnesota	47	Wisconsin	63
Mississippi	41	Wyoming	2

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**Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in Virginia (In thousands)**

TRIPS WITHIN VIRGINIA		9,012	
Alabama	130	Missouri	222
Alaska	4	Montana	27
Arizona	121	Nebraska	13
Arkansas	12	Nevada	39
California	359	New Hampshire	65
Colorado	100	New Jersey	560
Connecticut	167	New Mexico	61
Delaware	357	New York	1,012
District of Columbia	1,089	North Carolina	3,761
Florida	1,188	North Dakota	—
Georgia	608	Ohio	532
Hawaii	51	Oklahoma	36
Idaho	20	Oregon	—
Illinois	252	Pennsylvania	2,407
Indiana	96	Rhode Island	68
Iowa	55	South Carolina	778
Kansas	35	South Dakota	12
Kentucky	159	Tennessee	892
Louisiana	142	Texas	308
Maine	89	Utah	34
Maryland	1,100	Vermont	97
Massachusetts	357	Washington	35
Michigan	158	West Virginia	1,102
Minnesota	56	Wisconsin	53
Mississippi	120	Wyoming	2

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Table 4. Travel Rates by Trip and Traveler Characteristics for Virginia: 1995

	Person trips <sup>†</sup>	Number of travelers <sup>†</sup>	Trips per traveler	Miles <sup>*</sup>	Miles per traveler	Miles per trip
<b>PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA</b>	<b>28,587</b>	<b>5,956</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>22,027</b>	<b>3,663</b>	<b>766</b>
<b>Means of transportation</b>						
Personal use vehicle	23,399	5,470	4.3	12,369	2,261	529
Commercial air	4,218	1,913	2.2	8,836	4,618	2,095
Intercity bus	57	44	1.3	37	830	646
Train	169	131	1.3	112	856	666
Other	744	453	1.6	673	1,484	904
<b>Main purpose</b>						
Business	6,651	1,729	3.8	6,072	3,512	913
Visit friends or relatives	10,446	3,759	2.8	7,783	2,071	745
Leisure	7,742	3,435	2.3	5,697	1,658	736
Other	3,748	1,762	2.1	2,475	1,405	660
<b>Income</b>						
Less than \$25,000	3,100	937	3.3	1,956	2,087	631
\$25,000 to \$49,999	9,296	2,168	4.3	6,056	2,793	651
\$50,000 or greater	16,191	3,027	5.3	14,014	4,629	866
<b>Age</b>						
Less than 24	6,526	1,869	3.5	4,713	2,522	722
25 to 64	19,597	3,650	5.4	15,819	4,335	807
65 and over	2,465	492	5.0	1,495	3,035	606
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	15,077	2,938	5.1	12,249	4,169	812
Female	13,510	3,035	4.5	9,778	3,222	724
<b>PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA</b>	<b>23,251</b>	<b>5,536</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>15,070</b>	<b>2,712</b>	<b>649</b>
<b>Means of transportation</b>						
Personal use vehicle	20,854	4,670	4.5	11,247	2,408	539
Commercial air	1,685	593	2.8	3,405	5,739	2,021
Intercity bus	27	11	2.6	24	2,256	865
Train	117	45	2.6	77	1,711	658
Other	567	217	2.6	317	1,460	559
<b>Main purpose</b>						
Business	5,387	1,089	4.9	3,636	3,339	675
Visit friends or relatives	8,364	2,132	3.9	5,663	2,657	677
Leisure	6,119	2,050	2.0	3,365	1,642	550
Other	3,381	920	3.7	2,406	2,616	712
<b>Income</b>						
Less than \$25,000	2,967	798	3.7	1,883	2,358	635
\$25,000 to \$49,999	8,319	1,843	4.5	5,342	2,898	642
\$50,000 or greater	11,964	2,786	4.3	7,845	2,816	656
<b>Age</b>						
Less than 24	5,217	1,397	3.7	3,378	2,417	648
25 to 64	15,708	3,459	4.5	10,137	2,931	645
65 and over	2,326	541	4.3	1,554	2,872	668
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	12,361	2,751	4.5	8,282	3,010	670
Female	10,889	2,638	4.1	6,788	2,573	623

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